

Shipping—Steamers.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

ROUT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

S.S. "HONAM,"	2,363 tons	Captain H. D. Jones.
"POWAN,"	4,338 "	W. A. Valentine.
"FATSHAN,"	2,260 "	R. D. Thomas.
"HANKOW,"	3,073 "	C. V. Lloyd.
"KINSHAN,"	1,995 "	J. J. Lossius.

Departures from HONGKONG to CANTON daily at 8:30 A.M. (Sunday excepted), 9 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. (Saturday excepted).

Departures from CANTON to HONGKONG daily at 8:30 A.M., 3:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. (Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "HEUNGSHAN,"	1,968 tons	Captain G. F. Morrison, R.N.R.
Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 2 P.M., except when otherwise notified by Express.		

Sunday Special Excursions, leaving Hongkong at 9 A.M., and a second departure about 7 P.M.

Note.—During the summer months the time of leaving fluctuates to suit the tide at Macao. See special Summer Time-table.

Departures from Macao to Hongkong on week days at 8 A.M. On Saturdays a second departure about 7 P.M. On Sundays about 3 P.M. (See special Express.)

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "LUNGSHAN,"	2,119 tons	Captain T. Hamlin.
This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at about 8 A.M.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7:30 A.M.		

JOINT SERVICE OF THE H.K., C. AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM,"	588 tons	Captain J. Wilcox.
"NANNING,"	369 "	C. Buchan.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 A.M. calling at Yunki, Mahming, Kunchuk, Kau-Kong, Samsui, Howlik, Sun-Hing, Luk-Po, Luk-To, Lo-Ting-Hau, Tak-Hing, Doshing and Fong-Chuen. Departures from Wuchow for Canton calling at the above ports every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 7:30 A.M.

FARES.—Caption to Wuchow, Single \$15.00. Return \$25.00.

Canton to Tak-Hing, Single \$12.50. Return \$21.00.

Canton to Samsui, Single \$7.50.

The above vessels have superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Meals charged extra.

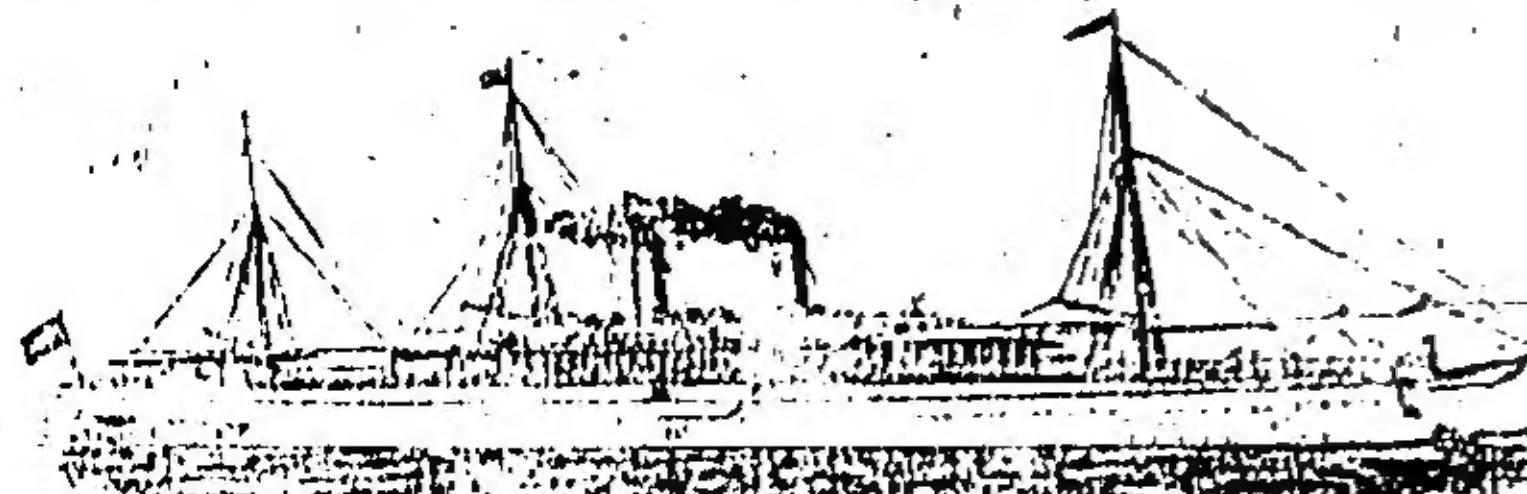
Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the—

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., Hotel Mansions, (First Floor) opposite the Hongkong Hotel,

Or of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents, CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD., Hongkong, 16th July, 1906.

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The only Line that Maintains a Regular Schedule Service of 12 Days across the Pacific is the "Empress Line." Saving 3 to 7 Days Ocean Trial.

12 Days YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER. 21 Days HONGKONG TO VANCOUVER.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

(Subject to Alteration).

R.M.S.	Tons	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VANCOUVER
"EMPEROR OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, August 1	August 22
"TARTAR,"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, August 8	September 1
"EMPEROR OF INDIA,"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, August 22	September 12

THE Quickest route to CANADA, UNITED STATES and EUROPE, calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN), KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, connecting at VANCOUVER with the COMPANY'S PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class, \$1,300. "via St. Lawrence £60. via New York £62.

Hongkong to London, Intermediate on Steamer, and 1st Class Rail £40.

R.M.S. "MONTEAGLE," "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" carry "Intermediate" Passengers only at Intermediate rates, affording superior accommodation for that class.

Passenger Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

For further information, Maps, Routes, Hand Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to

D. W. CRADDOCK, Acting General Agent,

Hongkong, 18th July, 1906. Corner Pedder Street and Praya, opposite Blake Pier. [13]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

STEAM TO CANTON.

S.S. "WING CHAI," Captain T. Austin, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on Week Days and on Sundays, at 7:30 A.M., and returns from Macao at 2:30 P.M., as on Week Days.

FARES.—Week Days, 1st Class, including Cabin and servant, Single \$3; Return Ticket, \$5; 2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents. SUNDAYS ONLY.

1st Class—Single, \$1; with Cabin, \$2. 1st Class—Return, \$2; with Cabin, \$3. 3rd Class—Single, 40 cents; Return, 60 cents. Steerage—20 cents each trip.

All Meals can be supplied on Board at \$1 each Meal.

First Class Passengers, who do not care to return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed to do so the following day (Monday) on production of the Return Half Ticket. Should the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be available for the following day.

The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity. The Steamer's wharf at Hongkong is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

SAM WANG Co. Hongkong, 22nd June, 1906. [17]

SHU ON S.S. CO., LTD., and YUEN ON S.S. CO., LTD., No. 8, Queen's Road West, Hongkong, 13th July, 1906. [18]

Mails.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG;

Steamers will also call at GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON to land Passengers and Luggage.

Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading for all European, North and South American Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY, 1st August.
PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD	WEDNESDAY, 15th August.
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY, 29th August.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY, 12th September.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY, 26th September.
GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY, 10th October.
PRINZ LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY, 24th October.
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 7th November.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY, 21st November.

WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of August, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship BAYERN, Captain Formes, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 30th July, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 31st July, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 31st July.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$1.00 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
TO NAPLES, GENOA & GIBRALTAR	\$61. o. o.	\$42. o. o.	\$22. o. o.
Return	91. o. o.	63. o. o.	33. o. o.
TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN and HAMBURG	65. o. o.	44. o. o.	24. o. o.
Return	97. o. o.	66. o. o.	36. o. o.
TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ:			
VIA NAPLES, GENOA or GIBRALTAR	64. o. o.	44. o. o.	26. o. o.
Return	115. o. o.	79. o. o.	47. o. o.
VIA BREMEN or SOUTHAMPTON	68. o. o.	46. o. o.	27. o. o.
Return	123. o. o.	83. o. o.	49. o. o.

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland THE SAME RATES TO BE APPLIED AS VIA NAPLES, GENOA or GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA:

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co. from SINGAPORE to CALCUTTA instead of an Imperial Mail steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is however not included.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIA LINE, VIA NEW GUINEA.

STEAM FOR MANILA, SIMPSONHAFEN, FRIEDRICH-WILHELMSHAFEN, HERBERTSHOEHE, MATUPI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to alteration.)

STEAMERS	TONE.	SAILING DATES.
PRINZ SIGISMUND	3,302.	TUESDAY, 24th July.
WILLEHAD	4,763.	TUESDAY, 21st August.

PRINZ WALDEMAR 3,227. | TUESDAY, 18th September. |

ON TUESDAY, the 24th day of July, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship PRINZ SIGISMUND, Capt. D. Lenz, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this port as above.

The steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG:

	1st Class	2nd Class

Intimation.

**W.M. POWELL,
LTD.,
GENERAL
FURNISHERS,
HONGKONG.**

**SOLE AGENTS
for
Hongkong, China,
and Japan.**

**ADDISON'S
PATENT
PORTABLE
SANITARY
COMMODE**

**Hermetically Sealed.
Specially adapted
for hot climates.**

**The ACME of
CLEANLINESS.**

**Stocked in
Four Qualities:**

**No. 1.—Fitted with Mahogany Po-
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ings, and White Enamelled
Pail.**

Price \$21.50.

**No. 2.—Fitted with Mahogany Po-
lished Top, Brass Fittings, and
White Enamelled Pail.**

Price \$18.50.

**No. 3.—Fitted with Stained Wal-
nut and Brush Polished Hard-
wood Top, Brass Fittings and
White Bath Enamelled Pail.**

Price \$14.75.

**No. 5.—Fitted with Mahogany
Stained and Brush Polished
Hardwood Top, Brass Fittings
and Electro-Galvanized Pail,
very serviceable and acid re-
sisting.**

Price \$14.50.

**Wm. POWELL, Ltd.,
Alexandra Buildings,
HONG KONG.**

Hongkong, 13th July, 1906.

Intimations.

**K. A. J. CHOTIRMALL & CO.,
8, D'AGUILAR STREET.**

NEWLY OPENED SILK STORE.

**Indian, Chinese and
Japanese Silk Goods.**

Just Arrived.

**SOCKS (Linen) LADIES' AND
GENTLEMEN'S.**

**GENTLEMEN'S SILK UMBRELLAS,
SILK KIMONOS, LADIES' BLOUSES
AND SHAWLS.**

**SANDALWOOD BOXES (INLAID);
HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, GLOVE
BOXES.**

MONEY BOXES, &c.

**LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, JAVA
SERONGS.**

**MANDARIN COATS, COTTON
SHIRTS.**

SILK LACE SCARFS AND SHAWLS.

Prices exceptionally cheap.

Inspection earnestly solicited.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1906. [730]

NOTICE

WANTED for the Land Survey Branch
of the Public Works Department a
LAND SURVEYOR with good qualifications.
Engagement to be temporary and terminable
at a month's notice. Salary £20 a month.
Applications to be made to the Hon. Director
of Public Works.

W. CHATHAM,
Director of Public Works,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 17th July, 1906. [731]

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE Fourth Meeting of the Season will be
held at the Happy Valley, on SATUR-
DAY, the 21st instant, commencing at 4 P.M.
The Charge of Admission will be \$1.00 for
others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey
Club or Gymkhana Club.

The Committee invite the Ladies of Hong-
kong to be present.

Post Entries will be accepted for Events
Nos. 2 and 4.

C. G. MACKIE,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, 17th July, 1906. [743]

**THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of Dollars
Two per Share for the six months ending
3rd June, 1906, will be payable on the 25th
instant, on which date Dividend Warrants may be
obtained on application at the Company's
Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th instant to the
25th instant (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Invest-
ment and Agency Co., Ltd.,
General Agents for the West Point Build-
ing Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1906. [740]

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

A N INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$1.50 per
Share for the six months ending 30th
June, 1906, will be payable on the 25th instant,
on which date Dividend Warrants may be
obtained on application at the Company's
Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 16th instant to the
25th instant (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOVER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1906. [748]

**HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NO TICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the
above-named Company will be held at the
Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra
Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong, on TUE-DAY, the
first day of July, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon,
when the following Resolutions which were
passed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the
Company held on Saturday, the 14th day of
July, 1906, pursuant to the Order dated the
28th day of March, 1906, made by the Supreme
Court of Hongkong in its Original Jurisdiction
in Action No. 371 of 1905, will be submitted to confirmation as Special Resolutions:

That the Special Resolution being the
Fourth in Number passed and confirmed at
Extraordinary General Meeting of this
Company held on the 3rd and 20th
days of June, 1905, respectively, together
with all Agreements entered into there-
under and particularly the Agreement
in writing bearing date the 18th day of
October, 1905, made between this
Company and its Liquidators (John D.
Humphreys & Son) of the one part and
the Peak Tramways Company, Limited, of
the other part be and the same are
hereby rescinded.

2. That the Draft Agreement submitted to
this Meeting and expressed to be made
between this Company and its Liquidators
of the one part and the "Peak
Tramways Company, Limited," of the
other part be and the same is hereby
approved and that the said Liquidators be
and they are hereby authorized pursuant
to Sections 201 and 202 of the Com-
panies Ordinance 1865 to enter into an
Agreement with the said "Peak Tram-
ways Company, Limited," in the terms
of the said Draft and to carry the same
into effect with such (if any) modification
as they may think expedient.

Dated 16th July, 1906.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Manager. [748]

Entertainment.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

A GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT

will be held on the
VOLUNTEER PARADE GROUND,
on
SATURDAY, July 21st, at 9.15 P.M.

Tickets: (Price \$2 and \$1)
Can be obtained from Volunteer Head Quarters
(near Hongkong Club) and from the
Robinson Piano Company.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1906. [734]

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public
Auction,

ON
TUESDAY,
the 24th July, at 12 o'clock Noon,
The Hulk "MEEANEY," late "SCREW," 3rd
Rate, 3,842 tons.
(Lately used by War Department as a
Hospital Ship).

CONDITIONS OF SALE.
The Hulk will be sold as she now lies in
Hongkong Harbour with all Fittings, etc., and
about 150 tons of IRON BALLAST on Board,
with the exception of the following which will
not be sold, viz.:

CHAIN CABLES.
Cables will be removed by the NAVAL YARD
when a date for the removal of the vessel has
been arranged by purchaser with the NAVAL
YARD.

The vessel will be open to Inspection for
Seven Days before date of Sale, between 10
A.M. and Noon, and 2 P.M. and 4 P.M. (SATUR-
DAY and SUNDAY excepted).

Inspecting Orders can be obtained from the
Auctioneers.

The Sale will take place on Board. A Steam
Launch to convey intending purchasers will
leave Blake Pier at 11 A.M., 1.30, A.M. and
1.45 A.M. on day of sale.

TERMS:—Cash before delivery; 25 per cent.
of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the
Hammer, balance and the clearance, to be
effected within Seven Days after date of sale.

HUGHES & DOUGHLIN,
Auctioneers to the Government,
Hongkong, 11th July, 1906. [712]

To Let.

HOTEL MANSIONS.

ROOMS TO LET on the 4th Floor, Un-
furnished, as Offices or Chambers.

Apply to—

THE SECRETARY,
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 9th July, 1906. [714]

TO LET.

TWO GODOWNS at East Point, close to
the Water, suitable for the storage of
any Cargo.

Floor Area 6,100 square feet each.

Apply to—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1906. [747]

TO LET.

**N. 16, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, and
N. 2, OLD BAILEY.**

Apply to—

ARRATOON V. APCAR & CO.,
45, Wyndham Street,
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1906. [741]

SHAMEEN, CANTON.

TO LET.

N. 2, WEST END TERRACE.

Apply to—

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**
Hongkong, 5th July, 1906. [703]

TO LET.

HAYTOR, THE PEAK.

Immediate Possession.

OFFICES in KING'S BUILDING and
YORK BUILDING.

GODOWNS on PRAYA EAST.

A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, Con-
duit Road.

A HOUSE in RIFON TERRACE.

AT'S in MORETON TERRACE.

Apply to—

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**
Hongkong, 30th December, 1905. [745]

TO LET.

N. 15, KNUTSFORD TERRACE,
KOWLOON.

Apply to—

**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.**
Hongkong, 30th December, 1905. [746]

For Sale.

FOR SALE

WELSHACH'S
IN-DOOR &
OUT-DOOR
4-LIGHT
GAS ARC
LAMPS,
Do. BOXED
LIGHTS,
Do. HARM
LAMPS,
Do. MAN
TLES, CHI
NESES,
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BES, SH
ADES, &c., &c.,
INCAN
DESCENT
GASOLINE
LAMPS of all
descriptions
from best
makers.

NAPHTHA of
the best kind
for GASO
LINE LAMPS
and GASO
LINE EN
GINES, kept
in stock.

TAI KWONG CO.

109, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 3rd July, 1906. [759]

ALSO

SUNDAY PREACHERS in various parts of the
States have preached against the blouse, and the
Press is making a summer "feature" of the
problem.

PASCALL'S ASSORTED SWEETS and TOFFEES.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1906. [759]

**FACTS AND FANCIES ABOUT
TANJONG PAGAR.**

The following scraps of information will probably be found interesting, in view of last week's announcement.

A well-known local pilot probably now sadly regrets those forty shares which he sold out recently at \$100. He would be \$8,000 better off to-day.

It is interesting to note that the money will go out to such widely scattered places as California, Rangoon, Surat, Suez, Nigeria, Amsterdam, Niembaum, Switzerland, Java, Australia.

Our correspondent "Accountant" who wrote some days ago his idea as to the amount of the award was not so far out. He named \$24,585,000 as the amount likely to be awarded and \$29,500,000 as the amount by right due. In the latter figure he was only about a million and a half out.

Amongst the big holders are the F.M.S. with nearly 3,000, equal to two and a quarter millions, W. G. Gilliland nearly three quarters of a million, J. Cuthbertson nearly half a million. The Missions Etrangères about the same. It is to be noted that our old friend Sir H. McCollum has a solitair for his Natal troubles 435 shares to realise, whilst Dr. Brown comes in nicely with 370. These figures are calculated

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
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LIGHT ALE.

IN
QUARTS, PINTS
AND
SPLITS.

THIS ALE, brewed expressly for ROBERT PORTER & CO., LTD., is bottled under a Special System which enables the best Characteristics of a Good ENGLISH ALE to be Combined with Extreme Lightness of Character and a practical FREEDOM from SEDIMENT, a result hitherto deemed unattainable.

Per Case of 4 Doz. Quarts \$18.00 Per Doz. \$4.50
" " 8 " Pints 24.00 " 3.00
" " 12 " Splits 27.00 " 2.25

SOLE AGENTS:

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS:
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
Hongkong, 19th July, 1906.

\$16.00

WILL BUY A CASE

GRECOR & CO.'S

IMPERIAL
HIGHLAND
WHISKY.

NOT ONE OF THE BEST,

BUT

THE BEST!

CASH LESS 10%
CREDIT LESS 5%.

GREGOR & Co.,
19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1906.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1906.

OPIUM TRADE ABUSES.

The professed ignorance of those in high places is often bewildering, but Mr. Churchill, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, may be excused for his declaration in the House of Commons (according to Reuter) that he was unaware that the system of farming the opium revenue in the Malay States, Singapore and Hongkong had given rise to any abuses. Naturally, it is in the highest degree improbable that those who could speak with authority on the subject should enlighten the Government, for self-interest is a powerful curb on the tongue. And the victims of the abuses are but small fry, of no consequence, whose plights would give rise to laughter, rather than redress. It would be interesting to learn the circumstances which gave Mr. Churchill occasion to disclaim any knowledge of abuses in the opium trade, but, necessarily, we shall have to await the arrival of the mail before we are acquainted with the full particulars. Doubtless the right hon. gentleman spoke in perfect good faith, but those who have had experience of the methods adopted by the Opium Farmers' underlings in the Malay States, Singapore and Hongkong, or even those whose experience has been confined solely to Hongkong, are but too well aware that abuses do exist and occur daily. In the first place, the monopolist is vested with an amount of authority and power which practically confer upon him the rights of a despot. The authority which belongs to him by reason of his monopoly is delegated to assistants—excise officers they are called—who are seldom loth to exercise the arbitrary powers at their command, with the result that the unfortunate Chinese who may be suspected of harbouring a quantity of opium are mercilessly browbeaten at the whim and fancy of these officers. It seems to be a settled idea among the servants of the Opium Farmer, here and elsewhere, that every Chinaman, and particularly every coolie, is an opium smuggler at heart, and were there not a sufficiency of opium officials there would be no doubt that every passenger arriving at Hongkong from the mainland would be subjected to a rigorous search, and even then the Opium Farmer's minions would incline to the opinion that, if they failed to discover the drug, that only proved the immigrant to be more wily and astute than themselves. Only the other day a Chinese gentleman who came to Hongkong from Canton wrote to the *Hongkong Telegraph* complaining bitterly of the treatment he received on arrival at the hands of the Opium Farmer's detectives. He was ordered to open his trunks by an overbearing fellow-countryman and on refusing to do so until the excise-man produced his authority, the latter promptly called a policeman to his aid. Of course, the policeman was only too happy to oblige his amateur colleague, and the luggage was opened and the contents scattered over the ground. Nothing was found, but does anybody believe that the policeman and the detective are now convinced they were not duped? What adds to the indignity of these searches is the fact that they are usually carried out in the full gaze of a jeering crowd of tattereddemons and vagabonds, who appraise each article as it is produced. Occasionally, as we know, a capture is made, but the percentage of the detective's successes to the number of searches carried out under his eye must be extremely small. But examining the luggage of passengers is only small part of the excise officers' duties. They roam the city day and night seeking whom they may devour. They enter private houses at all hours and turn the households upside down in their efforts to locate the drug. Their attention is not confined to native quarters for they are equally pleased to ransack European houses. In fact, they derive a greater measure of satisfaction from a raid on a foreign establishment than on a Chinese tenement, for the simple reason that the Europeans generally lose their temper at the suggestion that they are attempting to defraud the Opium Farmer, while the Chinese submit to the demands of the arrogant visitor with the meekness born

Opium Farmer to obtain a warrant to enter any particular house, and backed by the majesty of the law in the person of a constable the searcher can make matters decidedly uncomfortable for the suspect. Instances of this could be produced to show how unwarranted many of these visitations are, but residents in Hongkong know the cases only too well to be in need of reminder. The worst feature of the whole business is the system of rewarding informers. It is safe to say that many a coolie has suffered imprisonment through the spite or jealousy of a neighbour. There is nothing easier in the world than to obtain revenge by concealing a quantity of opium in an enemy's house and then denouncing him as a smuggler to the Opium Farmer. Nobody will deny that such cases have happened, and how is the Magistrate to sift the truth from the falsehoods employed to bolster up the charge against the unfortunate defendant? The latter is punished while the "informant" is rewarded for his perspicacity and honesty. The system of calling for informants puts in the hands of the unscrupulous a weapon which is a menace to the community. It is anomalous that the Opium Farmer should be granted powers which should only be wielded by the duly constituted authorities. The competition for the monopoly is so keen that when it is obtained every effort has to be made to keep down expenses. The result is that the Farmer is ever on the lookout for leakages, and he is assisted by a horde of authorised and unauthorised detectives whose whole aim and object in life is to discover the illicit article. There is no sanctity about a private house for them. "An Englishman's house is his castle" is an old saying, which was very properly quoted by one of the Police Court Magistrates yesterday, but there is no moat or drawbridge against the opium exciseman in Hongkong. Should the occupier of the house remonstrate against the high-handed actions of the uninvited guest, he is promptly confronted with a police constable, who enforces the demands of the Opium Farmer's licensed disturbers of the peace. There is not the slightest doubt that the unlimited power granted the Opium Farmer and, through him, his servants to harass the ratepayers and annoy the native visitor by obnoxious examinations is entirely foreign to British principles of justice. The revenue of the Colony is a great consideration in the eyes of the Government, and the fact that the revenue is greatly augmented by the proceeds of the opium monopoly must weigh heavily in the scale against the comfort and rights of the citizen, but we believe the majority of people would prefer to see the revenue obtained from some other source rather than have their liberty and constitutional privileges trampled under foot by the irresponsible and impudent servants of the Opium Farmer. If Mr. Churchill is not aware of any abuses there are hundreds in the Malay States, Singapore and Hongkong, or even those whose experience has been confined solely to Hongkong, are but too well aware that abuses do exist and occur daily. In the first place, the monopolist is vested with an amount of authority and power which practically confer upon him the rights of a despot. The authority which belongs to him by reason of his monopoly is delegated to assistants—excise officers they are called—who are seldom loth to exercise the arbitrary powers at their command, with the result that the unfortunate Chinese who may be suspected of harbouring a quantity of opium are mercilessly browbeaten at the whim and fancy of these officers. 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that he would have to appear in Court and explain this remissness in his conduct. The Judge, Mr. Gompertz, took a sane and common-sense view of the matter. If the police visited another but more aristocratic Japanese curio establishment in the city they would doubtless also find some fancy swords there: "without police permission." But even Mr. Gompertz could not over-ride the law, and the result was that the Japanese offender had to pay a fine of \$1—and the swords were confiscated! If the Japanese understood English he must have been astounded. The magistrate remarked, however, that an application to the Chief of Police might secure the return of the swords. But can the Chief of Police over-ride the law? Is he invested with greater powers than the Magistrate? or was this merely a little hocus-pOCUS to impress the culprit with the gravity of his offence and the benignity of the British Raj towards a benighted foreigner? Of course, the curio-dealer will get his goods back; it would be preposterous if the police retained the swords; but he will have to send them out of the country. The law may be all right when the parties accused of having swords in their possession "without police permission" are manifestly endeavouring to secrete the weapons for unlawful purposes, but the case is altered where a curio-dealer is concerned. However, the hunter after curios will take the hint that he need not think of acquiring specimens of far Eastern warlike instruments in Hongkong. The only sword that is legally permissible is that owned and wielded all too frequently by an individual known as Damocles.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WILLIAM Martin was at the Police Court this morning ordered by Mr. F. A. Hazeland to be admitted to the House of Detention for vagrancy.

A TELEGRAM was received to-day by Messrs. Dodwell & Co., agents in Hongkong for the Mogul Line of steamers, stating that owing to an accident the steamer *Ghaze* has been detained at Suez, undergoing repairs.

AMONG the passengers that left for Europe yesterday by the s.s. *Syndics* was Mr. Forbes Eadie, who was recently so severely injured by Chinese at Tung-an, near Amoy. Mr. Eadie, who is a native of Greenock, is expected to be away for a year.

* * * CERTAIN facts and fancies about the Singapore Docks will be read with interest. The article appears, with another of interest to our feminine readers, on page 3. Page 7 contains a description of the system showing how "mail" thieves are caught.

A COOLIE, a hawker, and three shop coolies came to blows at Tai Ping Shan yesterday over a dispute about water, and the bunch were removed to the Central Station. They were brought before Mr. F. A. Hazeland today, and ordered to pay a fine of \$5 each.

THE Rev. Mother and Sisters of the Italian Convent desire to thank the ladies and gentlemen of Hongkong who have shown so much interest in the work of the Convent during the past year, and especially to thank Mr. Sin Tai Fan for his voluntary donation of \$20 towards this year's prize fund.

OUR Macao correspondent informs us that the Colonial Secretary, Dr. A. P. Lello, and Mrs. Lello are proceeding on homeleave next month. The popular Principal Civil Medical Officer, Dr. A. Esperacão d'Almeida, is also going to Lisbon on furlough the first week of August. Another medical officer to proceed on leave will be the naval surgeon on board the gun-boat *Rio Lima*, Dr. Lopes de Rio.

AT about four o'clock yesterday afternoon an accident occurred to an earth cooler on Conduit Road, which necessitated his instant removal to hospital, and it is feared that one of his legs will have to be amputated. The unfortunate man was engaged in some excavating work at the place mentioned, when a huge stone, weighing nearly five cwt., was dislodged and fell on the cooler below. His right leg was crushed, and the left leg is also badly injured.

"WITHOUT POLICE PERMISSION."

Curio-hunters, who seek to enlarge their collection of krises, dabs, scimitars, and Samurai swords should avoid Hongkong, for it has just been laid down that any dealer who exposes swords for sale without the permission of the police—which is a difficult thing to obtain—is liable to be fined, imprisoned, exposed in the stocks and possibly beheaded with his own weapon. These facts emerged in the course of a case which was heard in the Police-Court yesterday. A Japanese dealer in curios was charged with having ten Japanese swords in his possession "without police permission," as the report had it. The weapons were apparently of the very character to send a collector into ecstasies; the handles were of beautifully carved ivory and the sheaths were of the same material. No doubt they depicted some of the glorious scenes which occurred in the far-off days when the shoguns reigned supreme and *hak-kari* first became a fine art. The *N.C.B. News* understands that the Provincial Educational Bureau at Nanking has taken up the matter and that the Educational Association of this province has sent a petition to the Viceroy at Nanking demanding the severest punishment upon the rioters who attacked the school and declaring that an example must be made of the culprits. "Should the outrage be allowed to be passed over by the authorities," states the petition, "there will be no knowing what excesses future rioters may take it into their heads to commit, against the schools throughout the country."

LATER news to hand states that, in addition to wrecking the residences of certain wealthy people of the city of Paoying, the rioters also attacked and wrecked the district school established on the modern model by Imperial Edict. The *N.C.B. News* understands that the Provincial Educational Bureau at Nanking has taken up the matter and that the Educational Association of this province has sent a petition to the Viceroy at Nanking demanding the severest punishment upon the rioters who attacked the school and declaring that an example must be made of the culprits. "Should the outrage be allowed to be passed over by the authorities," states the petition, "there will be no knowing what excesses future rioters may take it into their heads to commit, against the schools throughout the country."

Needlework.—Very good.

Grant.—The school continues to be thoroughly efficient. I recommend a grant at the rate of 35%.

The following programme of music, songs, and recitations was then very tastefully rendered and much appreciated by those present:—

Action Song.....(3 children). Acc.: by Miss M. Alves

Song....." " La Festa del Villaggio ".....Acc.: by Miss R. Elizaga

Recitation....." " The Endless Story ".....(Miss C. Peterson)

Song....." " I like to be a Soldier ".....Acc.: by Miss A. Guilia

(Master A. L. Guilia)

Humorous....." Here in the School ".....Acc.: by Miss E. Angel

(Chorus of Girls)

Rattle Drill.....(18 children). Acc.: by Miss E. Felicia

Duet....." La Festa del Villaggio ".....Acc.: by Miss M. Alves

Song....." La Marquesa ".....Acc.: by Miss I. Silveira

Recitation....." The Land of my Birth ".....(Miss I. Silveira)

Song....." La Vacanza ".....Acc.: by Miss E. Angel

Guitar Solo.....(1 child). Acc.: by Miss I. Silveira

ITALIAN CONVENT.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes to the successful scholars at the Italian Convent was held this afternoon, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., who was accompanied by Captain Coleman, A.D.C., kindly presiding and handing the prizes to those who had won them.

The fine hall of the Convent had been very tastefully decorated by the Sisters, assisted by some of the elder pupils, with festoons of flowers and paper bulbs of the national colours of Italy, while palms and fresh flowers entered largely into the scheme of decoration. Above the dais hung the portraits of the King and Queen of Italy, flanked at the side by that of the founder of the Order.

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCE.

On arrival His Excellency the Governor, who was closely followed by his Lordship Bishop Pozzani and the Right Reverend Bishop of Canton, was received by the Rev. Mother, and conducted to his seat immediately in front of the dais, Bishop Pozzani being seated on His Excellency's right hand. As soon as the distinguished guests had taken their seats Miss Maria Santos, a young pupil of the institution, stepped to the front of the dais and read the following address, subsequently handing illuminated copies of the same to His Excellency the Governor and his Lordship Bishop Pozzani.

THE OPENING ADDRESS.

Your Excellency, my Lord Bishop, Reverend Fathers, ladies and gentlemen.—The Reverend Mother has charged me with the duty of welcoming and thanking you, on her behalf, on behalf of the Convent and my school friends, for the honour you have done us by being present here this afternoon. We are honoured by so much kindness and by the encouragement which is given us in our school work. We shall return to our duties, after the holidays you are about to give us, with the knowledge that in the education we receive here in this institution we are aided by your help and support.

We trust our efforts may succeed in making the entertainment pleasing to you. Our small faults we hope to be excused; as we will do our best to receive your applause.

THE REPORT.

Rev. Fr. P. de Maria, manager of the school, then said:—Your Excellency, my Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen,—before reading the report of the Inspector of Schools for the scholastic year 1905-1906 of the Italian Convent, you will permit me an expression of thanks for the honour of your presence here on the occasion of our annual distribution of prizes. Your Excellency has shown such consistent support to all educational institutions in the Colony that I need scarcely enlarge on the fact that it is of the utmost value to us and very highly appreciated by the responsible individuals for the successful management of the schools in Hongkong. Speaking on behalf of the principals of the schools under my charge, I wish to avail myself of this public occasion to record my sincere thanks for your Excellency's help and encouragement towards the Catholic Schools in Hongkong. I have no desire to unduly prolong the proceedings this afternoon, but wish to remark, in connection with Mr. Irving's report, that the inspector has classified the Italian Convent school as "thoroughly efficient" and recommended for it the highest grant under the Code. I will now proceed to read the report:—

ITALIAN CONVENT.

Staff.—Seven Sisters of Charity.

Discipline and organization.—Very good. In standard IV, note books might be kept more systematically. In some of the lower standards the pupils collaborated at examination without any attempt at concealment. I have no objection to their working together at other times, if the teachers desire; but they should be taught also to treat examinations with respect.

Sanitation.—Very satisfactory.

Floor space.—Sufficient for 537 pupils.

Apparatus.—Some of the maps should be replaced by new ones; otherwise satisfactory.

English, Reading.—Good.

Writing.—Spelling requires attention in standards II, III and IV. Handwriting is good throughout the school, and the work shown up is neat. The formation of some of the capital letters is unusual. Foreign idioms occur in the compositions of the higher standards, which have nevertheless improved considerably. The papers showed a considerable knowledge of current topics.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	19th July.
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	2nd August.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	2nd "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	9th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHING WOO"	16th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AN'ENOR"	16th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CYCLOPS"	23rd "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"BELLEROPHON"	30th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	30th "

The S.S. "Achilles" left Singapore on the evening of the 14th inst., and is due to arrive here on the 19th.

HOMEWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"TEUGER"	20th July.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	"PING SUEY"	31st "
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	"ORESTES"	14th August.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"TYDEUS"	20th "
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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ALL PACIFIC COAST PORTS, and	"TYDEUS"	15th August.

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TO SAIL

NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	20th July.
KOBE	"SHANSI"	20th "
SHANGHAI	"KIUKIANG"	23rd "
SWATOW, WEI-HAI-WEI, CHEFOO, and TIENTSIN	"KWEICHOW"	24th "
MANILA	"TAMING"	24th "
KOBE	"TAITUAN"	25th "

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TIENTSIN VIA SWATOW & CHEFOO	"CHIPSHING"	FRIDAY, 20th July, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	FRIDAY, 20th July, 4 P.M.
SGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	TUESDAY, 24th July, 3 P.M.

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Consignees.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 30th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

"NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD."

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Hongkong, 17th July, 1906.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "SHAWMUT."

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "SHAWMUT."

FROM HAMBURG, BREMEN, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SAMBAIA,"

Captain O. Müller, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd July, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd July, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKAN LINIE,

Hongkong Office.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, &c.

THE Steamship

"GLENSTRAE"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival.

No claims will be recognized if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW,

Hongkong, 16th July, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"S. S. FOXLEY,"

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th July, at 3 P.M.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th July, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 21st July, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

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GOWNS AND DAMAGES.

Suppose that a woman dressed for the theatre or the opera should dine at a restaurant before going to the entertainment of the mind. Suppose that her gown of exquisite texture and delicate tint should be one of the joys of her life and a genuine thing of beauty. Suppose that a waiter should stumble in passing her and spill a dish of tomato soup over the gown, thereby splashing its dainty complexion of cream with ugly freckles of red. Would the gown be ruined or would it just be slightly injured?

This is the problem which confronted a legal authority in New Jersey a day or two ago. Mere Man has no disposition to comment unfavourably on that decision, which held that the gown was merely damaged, not ruined, and that the owner of it was entitled to the receipt of \$5 from the proprietor of the restaurant. Jersey Justice is proverbial.

Still, Mere Man would like to see a case of this sort tried before a jury of experts, say women's tailors, or even women themselves, if there is anything in this world of which Mere Man may be sure, it is that a jury of women's tailors would return a verdict that no woman would wear a gown over which tomato soup or cocktails, either oyster or Martini, had been spilled. That jury would vow that the woman ought to have a new gown, though the juries might perhaps differ as to who ought to pay for it.

As for the women themselves, they would also agree that a gown so damaged was really ruined. The wearer's feelings, too, would be damaged though perhaps not irreparably. These are but passing and perhaps rash conclusions. Humility suggests that no more detailed discussion of so momentous a topic be undertaken. A case of this kind calls for the moving eloquence of a Ruszif and the imperious wisdom of a Solomon. If the wearer of the gown is your own wife, it calls for a good deal more.—*New York Sun*.

DECOPS FOR MAIL THIEVES.

HOW MAIL THIEVES ARE CAUGHT.

There have been several arrests and convictions of local postal employees recently for mail depredations, and in discussing these instances a post office inspector said:

Although we use the same old bait in catching postal offenders, and the novice at the business and the old hand know what it is as well as we, they keep on just the same until the time worn but deadly certain 'decoy letter' lands them high and dry in the penitentiary, to wonder and lament at their leisure why they were so weak and foolish to bite at it.

'The decoy letter' is such a simple thing that the average citizen may wonder at its effectiveness, or why the thief doesn't succeed in dodging it. It is the greatest silent thief catcher in use by men who make it their business to apprehend their dishonest fellows, will always remain so, and doesn't need improving to insure its stability in the criminal world.

"There is an angle of delusion in matters criminal as in honest affairs, and the postal thief's sin is that he thinks he will not be discovered; at the same time he knows perfectly well that complaints of missing letters containing valuables are invariably made to the department, and that the department's machinery for the investigation is practically perfect, based upon years of experience."

"The postal thief emboldened by initial successes and elated by the pleasant no-elt of having in his pocket's ready and easy money for which he did not have to work, goes along merrily until the innocent appearing 'decoy letter' is silently slipped in the mails, to find its way to his hands as surely as does the fish torpedo the steel magnet of the battleship's sides.

Do they try to dodge this missive of danger? Oh, yes, they do try. The exp'nsion does not necessarily follow the launching of the first letter. If a postal thief is suspicious of a letter he will let it go through, even though he is morally certain that it contains the coveted cash he is after. In these cases the 'decoy' continues its part of the silent detective just the same. If the dishonest employee allows it to 'slip by' it tells the inspectors at the other end of the line in its mute way that the employee is 'on'; they just send another, and still others, if necessary, until the inevitably certain one lands in the pocket of the thieving employee, then to change its role of detective to 'documentary evidence,' which winds up the career of the victim of his own cupidity.

"The 'decoy letter' contains all the outward and inward, for that matter, appearance of an ordinary piece of mail intended for the addressee, who may be some private citizen or business house whose mail is being tampered with. That's how we get 'em; they can't tell the diff'ret ce, it's being a case of 'all looking alike to me.' Only a postal thief is naturally cautious, and doubly so if he thinks he is being watched. But they don't all look alike to the post office inspector in charge of the case. Their private earmarks are as big as a house to the inspectors, and when they are shown up in court, one by one, I guess that they look about twice as large to the thief on trial."—*Washington Star*.

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INTERNATIONAL hatred is easily roused, but it is a devil which sends in a terribly long bill.—*Review of Reviews*.

FOR publishing a rhymed parody on the Lord's Prayer, the manager of the *Russ* has been arrested in St. Petersburg.

BEN Jonson's copy of the Bible, containing his signature on the title-page, was lately sold at Messrs. Sotheby's rooms for £120.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Sunda Br. ss., 2,86, G. V. Montford, R. N.R., 18th July.—London 9th June, and Sina- pore 13th July, Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
Kashing, Br. ss., 1,142, T. W. Pickard, 18th July.—Newark and Cleve 13th July, Gen.—H. & C.
Macao Maru, Am. ss., 1,244, S. Tagami, 18th July.—Swatow 17th July, Gen.—R. K. Rice.—R. & S.
Lonsdale, Ger. ss., 1,030, G. Schulzen, 18th July.—Bavaria and Swatow 10th July, Gen.—B. & S.
Simoneau, Dut. ss., 1,200, Zuiderhout, 19th July.—Charibon 10th July, Sugar.—Yun Fat.
Shanhsing, Br. ss., 1,307, F. D. Northcombe, 19th July.—Canton 18th July, Gen.—B. & S.
Amico, Ger. ss., 721, N. Baltzer, 19th July.—Pakhoi 19th July, and Hoihow 16th, Gen.—J. & Co.
Nord, Nor. ss., 731, G. Haraldsen, 10th July.—Chinkiang 13th July, Beans.—Order.
Eva, Ger. ss., 2,123, Eberhard, 19th July.—Hamburg 26th May, Gen.—Order.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Macao Maru, for Swatow.
Tsuru, for Singapore.
Sunda, for Shanghai.
Prattan, for Yokohama.
Prattan, for Hoihow.
Departures.

July 19.

Japan, for Singapore.
Carl Diederichsen, for Hoihow.
Tschamme, for Swatow.
Glenstrae, for Shanghai.
Tschamme, for Calcutta.
Kashing, for Canton.
Kashidate, Jap. cruiser, for Japan.
Kawasaki, for Kobe.
Marwari, for Singapore.

Passengers arrived.

Per Kashin, from Chitfoo—Mr. Tennant.
Per Laoosok from Bangkok, &c.—Messrs. Kasian and Adamoff.

Per Sunda from London for Hongkong—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Clothier, Surgeon Neil-John, Turner, Dr. Prazz, Master and Mrs. Plough, for Manila—Messrs. Phazebook and I. Williamson. For Shanghai—Messrs. W. M. McGregor, Mrs. Thomson's amah, Dr. J. Waghorn, and Dr. F. X. Costello. From Marseilles for Hongkong via India—Mr. T. G. Hill.

Passengers departed.

Per Prince Regent Luitpold, for Shanghai—Messrs. E. Schröder, W. Goetz, A. Levy, A. Silbemann, Ha Ming Ko, Choo, Miss Usami, Mr. and Mrs. Sprungl, Miss Kalle, Miss Grace Young, Mrs. Krates and child, Mrs. Rangel, Mr. and Mrs. Rangel, Mr. and Mrs. Siquera and children. For Nagasaki—Mrs. Jameson, Messrs. Lee Jones and Tanbaya. For Kobe—Mr. and Mrs. Cousins, Messrs. E. Yeung, Hatagu, and Miss H. Sono. For Yokohama—Dr. Kober, and Mr. Yam Fal.

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Date
Coptic	Japan	O. & O. Co.	July 20
Amaril Dupre	Singapore	M. M. Co.	July 20
Arratoon Apcat	Singapore	D. S. & Co.	July 22
Louther Castle	Shanghai	D. & Co.	July 22
Eriene Simone	Singapore	M. M. Co.	July 23
Z. de Aldecos	Am. ss., 1,260	F. Xandato	July 23
Echaua	15th June—Manila 12th June,		
	Ballast—Barretto & Co.		

DOCK RETURNS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCKS.

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Prometheus "

Tai On "

Hercules "

Taiyuan "

Crantey "

Proteus "

Emma Luyken Aberdeen

SHANGHAI.

14th inst.

New Dock.

Anhui International

Glenetur "

Ships Passed The Canal.

1st June—Hudson, Maqua, Sachsen, So-

stra, Teekal, Tonkin, 5th June—Kawachi

Maru, Sphatid, 9th June—Manila, Oana,

Iandrawadi, Polynesian, Longson, Spezia, 12th

June—Bayern, Benarig, Benalwes, Nubia,

Astyan Maru, Asthol, Laeret, 19th June—Mon-

mouthshire, Indramayu, Sambia, Itria, Seg-

ula, Orestes, Urmston, Grange, 22nd June—

Achilles, Caledonian, Ningchow, Seneca, 26th

June—Benzwirth, Calchas, Caylon, Merioneth-

shire, Moyane, Poona, Prins Regent Luitpold,

Antchier, 30th June—Dardanus, Ernest

Simon, 4th July—Sleisa (Ger.), Samali

Maru, Dan of Mains, Monrose, Sibiran, 5th

July—Benzenz, C. Ferd Laetis, Dilon, Java,

Telemachus, 10th July—Benaldi, Flintshire,

Jason, Scandia, Sithonia, Dongola, Errvor,

Prins Etzel Friedr. h., 14th July—Benaldi,

Caledonian, Malta, Peles, Radnorshire, Blago-

Maru, Ching Wo, Pindari, 18th July—Char-

les, Tiberghien, Preussen, Slavonia, Tambo-

Maru, Ajedo, Suttonhall.

Arrivals at Home—1st June—Necker, Yed-

do, Benaldi, 5th June—Maqua, Blago, Maru,

Persia, Verona, 9th June—Kintuch, Shimosa,

Agamemnon, Kawachi Maru, 12th June—

Sengsaka, Polynesian, 13th June—Sachsen,

15th June—Sokoira, 19th June—Longson, Ben-

glo, Sachem, 22nd June—Manila, 22nd June—

Bellorogen, 26th June—Benalwes, 30th

June—Caledonian, Prins Heinrich, 4th July—

Prins Heinrich, Awa Maru, Benalwes,

Urmston Grange, Calchas, 6th July—Indra-

wadi, Merionethshire, Segovia, 7th July—Cey-

lon, 10th July—Anchias, Moyane, Sanuki

Maru, 14th July—Salas, Sitoa, Poona, 18th

July—Vandalia, C. Ferd Laetis, Aker.

Vessels in Port.

STRAMBERG.

Aki Maru, Jap. ss., 3,005, M. Yagi, 14th July,

—Shanghai 17th July, Gen.—N. V. K.

Austria, Aus. ss., 4,879, A. Blaifer, 17th July,

—Trieste 29th May, and Singapore 11th

July, Gen.—S. W. & Co.

B. A. Broch, Nor. ss., 1,141, Andersen, 14th

July, —Shanghai 8th July, Earthenware—

Davidson & Co.

Bourbon, Fr. ss., 900, Le Ball, 13th July,

—Saigon 9th July, Gen.—Man Fat.

Brand, Nor. ss., 1,120, M. Evensen, 9th July,

—Sourabaya (Java) 26th June, Rice—S.

W. & Co.

Crasley, Br. ss., 3,003, W. E. Steele, 8th July,

—Durban 13th June, Colliers—G. L. &

Co.

Dakota, Am. ss., 13,305, E. Francke, and

July—Seattle 7th June, and Shanghai 29th, Gen.—N. V. K.

Emme Luyken, Ger. ss., 1,159, G. Cornand,

16th July,—Manitius 20th June, Sugar—

Wing Sing & Co.

Shipping Reports.

Mr. Madeline Rickmers from Rangoon—

Light NE'ly winds or calm.

Mr. Kashin from Newchwang—Light airs

and calm, fine and clear. Passed H.M.S. *Thistly* bound N. on 16th inst.

Mr. Simonen from Cheribon—NE. wind to N. Lat., then fresh SW. winds to Padan-

to, afterwards light NE. winds and calm to port.

Post Office.

A Mail will close for:

Choochoo and Newchwang—Per Sabine Rick-

mers, 20th July, 9 A.M.

Amoy—Per Glenallock, 20th July, 11 A.M.

Macao—Per Hengshan, 20th July, 1:15 P.M.

Ningpo and Shanghai—Per Shooching, 20th

July, 3 P.M.

Mails.

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S.S. POLYNESIEN ... 18th September.

S.S. SALAZIE ... 2nd October.

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Hongkong, 11th July, 1906.



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SHARE QUOTATIONS.
Supplied by Messrs. E. S. KADOOIE & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT REFRESHED	LAST WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	50,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,000,000 \$9,500,000 \$25,000 } \$12,715	\$1,699,777	{ £1 15/- div. and £1 bonus @ ex. 2/9/16 = \$26.87 for 2nd half-year 1905 }	5 1/2 %	\$835
National Bank of China, Limited	50,025	\$7	\$7	{ \$150,000 }	\$74,099	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1905	...	London £92
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,600,000 \$147,895 }	\$211,540	\$20 for 1904	6 1/2 %	\$340
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	{ \$100,000 \$100,000 \$15,000 }	Tls. 302,053	Interim div. of 7/6 (ex. 2/10/16) Tls. 2.62 on account 1905	5 1/2 %	Tls. 90 sellers
Union Insurance Company of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$20	\$10	{ \$40,000 \$331,131 \$1,171,814 \$169,279 \$800,000 }	Tls. 742,711	Interim div. of 13/10/1905	4 1/2 %	180 buyers
Vangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$229,488 }	\$108,734	\$12 and \$3 special dividend for 1904	8 1/2 %	\$175 sales
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	{ \$1,726,928 }	\$344,618	\$6 for 1904	6 1/2 %	\$88
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$200	\$50	{ \$1,726,928 }	\$422,618	\$25 for 1904	8 1/2 %	\$315
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	10,000	\$20	\$20	{ \$6,000 \$261,638 }	16,563	\$1 for 1905	7 1/2 %	\$20
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	10,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$88,941 }	Do	\$3 for year ended 30/6/1905	8 %	\$43 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamship Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$600,000 \$154,331 }	121,080	\$1 for 2nd half-year making \$2 for 1905	7 1/2 %	\$27 sales
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$280,918 \$1,999 }	12,42	10/- @ ex. 2/1/9/16 = \$1.69	6 1/2 %	\$70 ex div.
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	\$15	\$10	{ \$15,000 \$40,000 }	Tls. 23,156	Final Tls. 3 making Tls. 5 for 1905	8 1/2 %	Tls. 62 sellers
Do (Preference)	100,000	\$1	\$1	{ \$4,144 }	107,815	Final Tls. 1/2 making Tls. 3 for 1905 1/- (Coupon No. 6) for 1905	6 1/2 %	Tls. 52 sellers 27/6
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$15,000 }	5218	\$1.50 for year ending 30.4.1906	5 %	\$30
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$15,000 }	5218	\$0.75 for year ending 30.4.1906	3 1/2 %	\$21
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$15,000 }	13,913	Final of Tls. 2 making Tls. 4 for 1905	9 %	Tls. 45 sellers
REFINERY.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	10,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$850,000 \$450,000 \$86,129 }	140,914	Final of \$15 making \$25 for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$145
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ none }	Tls. 132,588	\$3 for 1897	...	\$20 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 3,723	Tls. 2 for year ending 30.9.04	...	Tls. 100 sellers
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	100,000	\$1	\$1	{ \$80,000 }	113,355	1/- (No. 6) interim div. for 12 months ending 28.2.06	7 %	Tls. 10 sales
Central Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$20,011 }	Do	Final of 50 cents making \$1 for 1905	7 %	G. \$14
Gold Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	50,000	\$1	\$1	{ none }	18,743	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	...	\$14
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Gen.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$10	\$25	{ \$70,000 }	18,915	\$2 for 1905	9 %	\$22
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd.	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$50,000 \$61,160 \$20,000 }	20,040	Final of \$31 making 16 for 1905	5 1/2 %	\$16 buyers
Imperial Tong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$40,500 }	362,231	\$6 for second half-year making \$12 for 1905	8 1/2 %	\$149 sales
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	10,000	\$1/2	\$1/2	{ \$28,000 }	3,221	51 for 1905	5 1/2 %	\$18
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	25,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 1,900,000 }	Tls. 3,997	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 8 for 1905/6	8 1/2 %	Tls. 90 ex div.
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	22,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 57,070 }	Tls. 57,665	Final of Tls. 8 making Tls. 14 for 1905	6 1/2 %	Tls. 222 buyers
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 30,000 }	Tls. 5,668	Tls. 18 for 1905	8 %	Tls. 225 buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ none }	1619	First year	...	Tls. 100
Asia House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	2,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$14,516 }	59,028	\$2.40 for 1905	7 1/2 %	\$124 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	6,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$15 }	54,719	\$8 sales	...	\$18 sales
Do (new issue)	24,000	\$15	\$15	{ none }	1	\$14 buyers	...	\$14 buyers
Do (Founders)	123	\$15	\$15	{ none }	1	\$300 buyers	...	\$300 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$60,071 }	1619	\$5 for second half-year making \$10 for 1905	8 %	\$125
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$24,071 }	567,839	Final of \$31 making \$7 for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$134 buyers
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited	6,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	{ \$15,783 }	1,935	Final of 6 1/2% = 10% for 1905	14 1/2 %	Tls. 17 sellers
Hotel Metropole Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ none }	54,699	Final of \$6 making \$10	10 %	\$100
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	10,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$26,386 }	50,70	80 cents for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$11 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$100	\$100	{ none }	1,574	\$2 for 1905	6 1/2 %	\$38
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	10,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 869,791 }	52,194	Final of Tls. 3 making Tls. 6 for 1905	5 1/2 %	Tls. 112 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ Tls. 170,000 }	5772	Final of \$1.90 making \$3.65 for 1905	7 %	\$2
COTTON MILLS.								
Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 45,939 }	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 8 for year ended 31.10.1905	10 1/2 %	Tls. 75 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$30,000 }	523,264	\$1 for the year ending 31.7.05	7 %	\$14